

## STATE OF WASHINGTON PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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kenvanb@gmail.com

Subject: PDC case 8449

Dear Mr. VanBuskirk:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its initial review of the complaint you filed on September 20, 2016. Your complaint alleged that Jesse Sims may have violated RCW 42.17A.305 by failing to report an independent expenditure for yard signs.

PDC staff reviewed your allegations, and as a result of staff's initial review, we found the following:

- Mr. Sims spent his own money on the signs and did not coordinate with the 'Yes on Prop 1' committee.
- The signs are in support of Mr. Sims and Prop 1 because Prop 1 would create the position that Mr. Sims is running for.
- Jesse Sims has no previous violations of PDC laws and rules.

Based on these initial findings, I have determined Mr. Sims' late filing of a C6 independent expenditure report, which is now on file, does not amount to a material violation warranting further investigation. Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(b), Jesse Sims will receive a warning letter, and a reminder to file all future reports in accordance with PDC laws and rules.

The PDC has closed the matter, and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into your complaint or pursuing enforcement action in this case.

If you have questions, you may contact Jacob Berkey at, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by email at Jacob.berkey@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Jacob Berkey PDC Compliance Endorsed by,

Evelyn Fielding Lope

Executive Director

cc: Jesse Sims